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BATKINS CASE IS NOW UPON TRIAL

Much Evidence Submitted
and Investigation
Postponed.

COMMITTEE TAKES DEEP INTEREST

Long List of Witnesses to Testify
to Good Character and Effi-
ciency of Young Physi-
cian to the Poor—Set
for September
13th.

Before the Committee on Health last night there was a partial investigation into the charges preferred by Mr. H. L. Matthews against Dr. Linwood D. Batkins, Jr., one of the physicians to the poor of the city, and the matter went over until September 13th, when it will probably be disposed of.

Mr. Matthews was represented by Hon. Charles V. Meredith and Dr. Batkins by Mr. James W. Gordon.

Nearly all of Mr. Matthews' witnesses were examined last night. Those of "criminal carelessness, negligence and drunkenness."

Mr. Matthews alleges that Dr. Batkins attended his little boy, who struck his knee while bathing, and treated him for inflammatory rheumatism, that finally the limb became greatly swollen, and as a result of the alleged wrong treatment the limb had to be amputated and that chances for recovery are about even with those of death.

Before the committee got down to business there was a great deal of wrangling between the lawyers as to procedure, but finally it was determined to go on upon the charges as originally filed without specifications.

Mr. Meredith stated he was ready, but Mr. Gordon called in and said he would ask a reasonable delay in which to prepare.

After the two lawyers had cross-fired for some time, the case was gone into and many witnesses were introduced.

Mr. Hobson Presides.

It was 8:30 o'clock when Chairman Hobson called the meeting to order.

A number of members responded to their names, and both Mr. Matthews and Dr. Batkins were present with their counsel. A number of physicians and citizens, many of them being witnesses for one side or the other, occupied seats outside the hall.

Before taking up the Batkins case the committee disposed of much routine business. A bill of \$1,800 in favor of the contractor for the new smallpox hospital, was approved. It was stated that the building is about two-thirds completed.

Mr. Satterfield in the paper submitted by Mr. Matthews, with the view to establishing Dr. Batkins' competency.

Mr. Gates thought the committee had nothing to do with the charge of malpractice, so long as Mr. Matthews' child was not a child.

Mr. Meredith said this was brought in to show that Dr. Batkins was incompetent to be a physician to the poor.

Mr. Matthews Testifies.

Mr. Satterfield's motion was adopted, and Mr. Matthews was the first witness.

He said Dr. Batkins had been attending his family for about seven years. The occasion when he was called to see his boy was two days prior to the municipal primary.

The little boy had hurt his leg while taking a bath. The case was treated as inflammatory rheumatism until the leg "burst." Dr. Batkins was "phoned for on July 12th, and the reply came that Dr. Batkins could not be aroused. Dr. Batkins arrived about 9:30 A. M. and found the child's condition a horrible one. The doctor came and made no diagnosis and nothing for treatment. He looked as though he was stupefied at the results of the case. Witness had asked the doctor several times if he was sure the child had inflammatory rheumatism. The reply was: "Yes, you must have patience." When Dr. Nichols came later, on call, Dr. Batkins gathered up the corruption on the bed and took it into the bath-room, and did not show it to Dr. Nichols.

"Horrible Mistake."

Witness asked Dr. Nichols what he thought of the case. He said he agreed thoroughly with the treatment. "Do you mean that?" I asked, "and Dr. Nichols shook his head."

Witness said he then told Dr. Nichols he would kill Batkins if his child died. He later decided he would not hurt him. "Be easy on him," said Dr. Nichols, "he has made an awful mistake. I can tell you more, but I don't want to injure myself with the Medical Association."

Witness said he had never seen Dr. Batkins take but one drink of whiskey and that was in the house of witness. He told of another instance when he said he had called for Dr. Batkins on a former occasion, when he could not be aroused. He had never seen Batkins under the influence of whiskey, but said Batkins told him the reason he could not be aroused was because he was stupefied from the results of drinking.

Witness told of his own opinion upon his child at the Memorial Hospital, and said the boy, now after suffering the agonies of death, had about an even chance of recovery.

Mr. Gordon now cross-examined witness. He repeated again that he had never seen Dr. Batkins drunk, had never seen him take but one drink, and the only personal evidence he had was Dr. Batkins' had told him he had been drunk. He gave the name of Ben Nelse as one man who had asked him why he had Dr. Batkins as his physician, and if he did not know he had the reputation of being a drinking man.

He said others had expressed surprise and referred to Batkins as a drunkard and gambler, but the witness had a hard time recalling any more names.

Mr. Gordon pressed witness hard on this line, and he said Mr. John Grump was another. The latter had said Dr.

FEVER STRICKEN, NOW AT NEW YORK

Passenger from Panama
Seriously Ill On Swin-
burne Island.

STAMPING PLAGUE OUT OF NEW ORLEANS

City Now Fears Reinfection From
Surrounding Points Where
Fever Exists — New
Cases at Mississippi
City and at
Natchez.

New Orleans Record.

New cases.....	39
Total cases.....	1,958
Deaths yesterday.....	4
Total deaths.....	281
New sub-foet.....	10

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, September 1.—Henry Wardell, an American, employed by the Panama Railroad as boiler-maker, is seriously ill to-night with yellow fever in the quarantine hospital on Swinburne Island.

Wardell arrived in New York yesterday as a first-class cabin passenger on the Panama Railroad steamer Havana, from Colon. He was one of six passengers taken on the ship, because they had elevated temperatures when the quarantine doctors went aboard for the customary inspection. Wardell, however, had been ill on the voyage. Two days before arrival he had applied to the ship's doctor for treatment. His temperature at that time was above normal, but he had felt better, and at the time of the inspection at quarantine, said he was all right.

Dr. Doty, however, sent him to Hoffman Island, and in the afternoon, Wardell became so ill, that he was transferred to the Swinburne Island Hospital. His condition became steadily worse, and it now is a well-marked case of yellow fever. He is in a serious condition to-night, and is being closely watched. Wardell is forty-three years of age.

FEAR REINFECTION FROM OTHER PLACES

Fever Disappearing From New
Orleans, But Authorities
Are Apprehensive.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, September 1.—Among the new cases today is Father Hoer, of St. Ann's Church, whose parish has had considerable infection and who has labored among the people from the beginning. Assistant Surgeon W. C. Tucker, of the Marine Hospital service, is down with a slight fever, but his case has not yet been diagnosed as yellow fever.

The country infection is still a source of anxiety, because now that the city is being cleared of infection there is danger of reinfection from the country, despite all the precautions which have been taken.

Strong measures are being adopted wherever there is evidence of the slightest laxity in the situation in any country community. One wealthy sugar planter who refused to allow or contribute to the erection of an emergency hospital on his place, where quite a number of Italians are infected, will have his place declared a public nuisance and the State Board will take control and force him to pay the bill.

Two cases discovered at La Rose in LaFourche Parish, 35 miles from New Orleans, have been traced directly to Leeville, one of the patients being Dr. Terrell, who attended several cases in Leeville.

Other outside reports received to-day

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IMPERIAL EDICT FORBIDS BOYCOTT

Chinese Government Takes Steps
to Check Movement Against
Americans.

(By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, September 1.—China has placed the boycott of American products under an imperial ban. The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Rockhill at Peking giving a summary of the edict. The text of the cablegram follows:

"Imperial edict: published yesterday states that the long and deep friendship between the United States and China has never been tried as now. The United States government has promised to revise treaty and people should peacefully await action of this government. Boycott wrong and harming friendly relations. It (edict) commands viceroys and governors to take effective action, making them strictly responsible. Undoubtedly will have a good effect. Shanghai reported yesterday situation improving."

Express Wrecked; Ten Killed.
(By Associated Press.)
WITHAM, ENG., September 1.—As the express from London to Krome, on the Great Eastern Railway, was entering Witham station at full speed to-day, several passenger cars left the tracks and crashed into the station buildings, causing the death of ten persons, six of whom were women, and seriously injuring twenty people. The locomotive beneath the cars caught fire and consumed the wreckage.



MOVED AT LAST!

EIGHT MILLIONS IN FIVE YEARS

The Assessors' Report Shows An
Enormous Increase in
Realty Values.

OVER TWENTY PER CENTUM

Property Owned By Colored
Citizens Show 35-36 Per
Cent. Advance.

The report made by the city assessors yesterday, shows an almost marvelous increase in value in real estate in Richmond, and a comparison with the figures of five years ago emphasizes the fact that the city is going forward in mighty strides.

Messrs. Charles L. Todd, Gilbert J. Hunt and George D. Pearson, the assessors, assisted by Messrs. John Enders, John A. Meanley and G. W. Catlett, have spent months in carefully determining the property values of the various wards of the city. They have reported that the total value of real estate within the limits of Richmond amounts to \$40,137,914, which is an increase of \$8,268,392 in five years or something more than twenty per cent.

The total value of the real property owned by the white citizens of Richmond is reported to be \$17,940,055, which is an increase during the past five years of \$7,896,449, or a trifle over nineteen and one-half per cent.

Remarkable Increase.

The most remarkable and interesting figures of the report, however, are those that tell of the wonderful increase in property values amongst the colored citizens of the city.

In 1900 the total value of realty owned by colored people in Richmond amounted to \$2,891,915, while the report of yesterday shows realty values amounting to \$1,197,534, or an increase in five years of \$29,913, or nearly thirty-five and one-half per cent. A greater increase by fifteen and one-third per cent. than that of the white population.

The assessment by wards are as follows:

1905.

Marshall Ward.

White..... \$2,410,554

Colored..... 90,292

Total..... \$2,500,846

Jefferson Ward.

White..... \$4,694,069

Colored..... 5,905

Total..... \$1,000,614

Madison Ward.

White..... \$1,437,555

Colored..... 155,483

Total..... \$1,593,038

Monroe Ward.

White..... \$6,757,514

Colored..... 391,105

Total..... \$7,148,619

Henry Ward.

White..... \$6,085,721

Colored..... 492,921

Total..... \$6,578,642

Clay Ward.

White..... \$5,700,118

Colored..... 14,415

Total..... \$5,714,533

Lee Ward.

White..... \$7,893,453

Colored..... 141,053

Total..... \$8,034,506

Grand total..... \$9,137,914

Assessment Five Years Ago.

Marshall Ward.

White..... \$3,055,972

Colored..... 81,250

Total..... \$3,137,222

Jefferson Ward.

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Colored..... 5,890

Total..... \$5,722,280

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Lee Ward.

White..... \$1,059,074

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